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# IMPOSSIBLE DECOLONIALITY? UNSPEAKABLE HISTORIES OF GENDER IN MODERN INDIA

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What would it mean to decolonize gender? Is a long duree history necessary to such feminist endeavors? This talk argues that it is. Using material from South Asian archives, it makes us rethink, and re-examine, our affective attachments to colonial modes of disregarding the long enduring histories of Indian women and men in the current moment.

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